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Applicants comment on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated April 30, 2002 as follows.

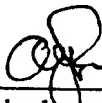
U.S. Patent 3,293,193 to Krahler et al is newly cited in the Notice of Allowance but not relied upon by the Examiner. Among the working examples of Krahler et al, Applicants consider Example 3 to be closest to the allowed claims. Applicants expect that the compound of Example 3 of Krahler et al does not meet the gel permeation chromatography purity requirement (A) and the thin layer chromatography purity requirement (B) of allowed claims 1 and 7 for at least the following reasons:

- 1) The water content of alcohol present in the reaction system is 0.2%, and dehydration of the reaction system was not conducted.

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- 2) The B/A ratio of the resulting compound was 78%.

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